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SUBJECT: APPOINTED AMBASSADOR CRESPO'S CALL ON DEPARTMENT

1. APPOINTED BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR CRESPO CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RYAN MAY 14. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF CALL WAS TO EMPHASIZE CRESPO'S CONCERN THAT SEVEN WEEKS HAVE PASSED SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN US WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS AT WHITE HOUSE. CRESPO ALSO PRESENTED FORMAL GOB INVITATION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER TO PAY BRIEF VISIT TO LA PAZ DURING SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO OASGA IN SANTIAGO. CRESPO STATED THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF STOPOVER WOULD BE TO INFORM SECRETARY OF STATUS OF OUTLET-TO-SEA TALKS WITH CHILE, INCLUDING GROWING BOLIVIAN CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU. ACCORDING TO CRESPO, GOB IS ALSO DISTURBED, IN LIGHT OF CUBA'S ANGOLAN ADVENTURE, BY ALLEGED PRESENCE OF CUBAN MILITARY ADVISORS IN PERU. CRESPO EMPHASIZED THAT GOB DOES NOT INTEND TO ASK FOR USG INTERVENTION IN ONGOING SEA OUTLET NEGOTIATIONS, BUT SIMPLY WISHES TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE FULLY INFORMED AS TO STATUS OF THESE TALKS.

2. AMBASSADOR RYAN EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR CRESPO'S CONCERN
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OVER LENGTHY WAIT TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS, NOTING THAT CZECH

AND YEMENI AMBASSADORS ARE ALSO WAITING AT PRESENT TIME. RYAN ADDED THAT WHITE HOUSE NOW ESTIMATES CEREMONY WILL BE HELD MAY 20 OR 21. WITH REFERENCE TO SECRETARY'S TRIP, RYAN SAID ONLY TWO STOPS PLANNED BY SECRETARY AT PRESENT, THUS LIMITING PROSPECTS FOR A BOLIVIA VISIT. RYAN ALSO EXPRESSED CONTINUING USG INTEREST IN STATUS OF ACCESS TO SEA TALKS, WHILE NOTING THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE EXAGGERATION IN PRESS OF ALLEGED CUBAN PRESENCE IN PERU. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM AMBASSADOR RYAN, CRESPO SAID BOLIVIA IS SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF ITC MISSION VISIT TO LA PAZ, AND HOPES THAT FURTHER CONCESSIONS FAVORABLE TO BOLIVIA'S INTERESTS CAN BE ACHIEVED PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO EFFECT OF FIFTH INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT. RYAN ALSO EXPRESSED USG CONDOLENCES TO GOB OVER ASSASSINATION OF BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR ZENTENO IN PARIS. KISSINGER

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